

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**APPROVAL OF THE SERVICE AREA 8 PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM
LOMITA REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT; APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET
& APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

1. Find the Service Area 8 Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT) Lomita Refurbishment project categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the establishment of Capital Project (C.P.) No. 86862 for refurbishment of the County-owned building located at 24330 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717, to house the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Service Area (SA) 8-PMRT.
3. Approve the Appropriation Adjustment to transfer \$430,000 from C.P. No. 69572 to C.P. 86862.
4. Approve the \$430,000 estimated total project budget for the SA8-PMRT Lomita Refurbishment project as detailed in the Attachment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended actions will establish C.P. No. 86862 and allow for the refurbishment of a portion of the County-owned building located at the Lomita Civic Center to house the SA 8-PMRT from the Harbor UCLA Medical Center campus.

The PMRT is a direct services program that provides emergency psychiatric outreach services. The team consists of mental health professionals that provide community-based psychiatric services, directly assisting individuals with acute mental health needs or crises by visiting them at home, school, and hospitals when psychiatric emergency services are unavailable. In some cases, psychiatric services are provided on the street where the PMRT assists the mentally ill homeless. PMRT operates 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, responding daily to calls dispatched from their offices during business hours and on an on-call basis after hours. The PMRT program, which started in 1998, specializes in the emergency mental health needs of children, families, adults, the homeless and the elderly.

The PMRT for SA8 is currently housed at Bungalow D2 of the Harbor UCLA Medical Center campus. Built in the 1940s during World War II, the bungalow was originally intended as temporary barracks and has since outlived its useful life. Having endured extensive structural damage over the years, the bungalow is dilapidated and is scheduled to be torn down. Additionally, since occupying Bungalow D2 in 1998, the SA 8-PMRT program has outgrown the existing space. DMH, in collaboration with the Chief Executive Office, has identified available and adequate space at the County owned facility located at 24330 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, in the Lomita Civic Center, which formerly housed staff from the Assessor.

Tenant Improvements and minor alterations are required to prepare the space for occupancy by the PMRT staff. The proposed refurbishment project includes general facility improvements and renovation of approximately 4,300 square feet within the overall 17,000 square foot facility. General improvements and renovations include installation of new modular furniture, floor tiles and carpet, paint, relocation of doors, re-keying doors, demolition and construction of several walls, creation of a high density chart room, electrical work, and modifications necessary to meet voice and data requirements. The proposed refurbishment project will be completed by the Internal Services Department (ISD).

The former Assessor building is approximately 17,000 square feet and is located in the Lomita Civic Center. The Fire Department's Southwest District Office – Health Hazardous Material and the Public Defender occupy the rest of the building.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project has been reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (a) and under Class 1(d) of the County of Los Angeles Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the project provides for minor alteration and repair of an existing facility. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the County Clerk.

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Attachment

SA8-PMRT REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
C.P. No. 86862

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Board Approval	December 2007
Construction Start	January 2008
Substantial Completion	April 2008
Final Acceptance	May 2008

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Estimated Project Budget
Construction/Refurbishment	\$211,000
Change Order Contingency	\$37,000
ISD Indirect Costs	\$52,000
Modular Furniture	\$94,000
Telecommunications	\$36,000
TOTAL	\$430,000